

a label which is treated with a water activatable animal glue.

16. (original): A composition for forming an activatable hydrophilic layer on a surface of label stock, said composition comprising:

animal glue 30-95 wt %;  
synthetic and/or natural polymer additive 5-65 wt %;  
cross-linker 0-5 wt %;  
humectant 0-15 wt %;  
wetting agent 0-1 wt %;  
defoamer 0-1 wt %;  
anti-block additives 0-2 wt %;  
slip additives 0-2 wt %; and  
Water balance to 100 wt %.

17. (original):A composition for activating a dried activatable hydrophilic layer on a surface of label stock, said composition, said composition comprising  
cross-linker 1-10 wt %;  
wetting agent 0-1 wt %;  
defoamer 0-1 wt %;  
thickener 0-2 wt %;  
natural polymer 0-15 wt %;  
synthetic polymer 0-10 wt %;  
and water balance to 100%.

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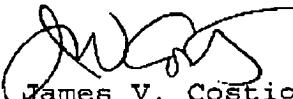
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant elects Group I , claim 1-13 with traverse because there is a technical relationship between the separately grouped claims.

Under the ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT, page AI-58, which is available as Annex B to APPENDIX T of the MPEP, if there is a technical relation between the

separately grouped claims, restriction should not be required. In this case, the separately grouped claims all use the same adhesive and this is a sufficient technical basis on which to link the claims. For these reasons, it is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and an action be given on all claims.

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